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SUMMARY: IN MID-JAN TALKS IN VIENTIANE, DRV AND JAPAN
APPARENTLY MADE NO PROGRESS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS
BECAUSE OF HANOI'S INSISTENCE ON AN IMPROVED JAPANESE
ATTITUDE TOWARD PRG. END SUMMARY

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1. FONOFF FIRST SE ASIA DIV HEAD HANABUSA VISITED

VIENTIANE IN MID-JANUARY AND HELD OVER TWO HOURS TALKS WITH DRV CHARGE, NGUYEN GIAP, ON JAPAN-DRV RELATIONS. HANABUSA ADMITTED THEY MADE LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS ON ESTABLISHING EMBASSIES. ALTHOUGH DRV QTE OFFICIALLY UNQTE MAKES NO CONNECTION BETWEEN PROGRESS ON RELATIONS AND JAPAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PRG, GIAP EMPHASIZED IN TALKS JAPAN'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PRG AND, HANABUSA ADMITTED, HANOI OBVIOUSLY STILL LINKS THE TWO QUESTIONS.

2. GIAP MADE POINT, AS IN PAST, THAT USG ATTITUDE TOWARD PRG IS MORE FORTHCOMING THAN GOJ'S SINCE USG AND PRG SIGNED PARIS ACCORDS. HANABUSA SAID HANOI'S FRUSTRATION IN SVN WAS OBVIOUS, AND HE BELIEVES DRV IS RECONSIDERING ITS STRATEGY. HE INFERRED THAT HANOI'S NEW STRATEGY MIGHT INVOLVE PURSUING ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD CALLED FOR IN PARIS AGREEMENT. THROUGH SUCCESS IN ITS ESTABLISHMENT, HANOI COULD CONTENTEND THAT IT HAD PUT PRG AT LEAST PARTIALLY IN POWER IN SVN. THIS WOULD ALLEVIATE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC PRESSURE, FROM WHICH HANABUSA BELIEVES HANOI SUFFERS, FOR NOT HAVING FURTHER ADVANCED PRG'S POSITION IN SVN. HANABUSA INFERRED THAT HANOI ANTICIPATED USG ASSISTANCE IN THIS ENDEAVOR. GIAP SEEMED TO HANABUSA TO BE SAYING THAT IF PROGRESS WERE MADE ON NATIONAL COUNCIL, DRV-JAPAN RELATIONS COULD ALSO PROGRESS.

3. EMBOFFS DISABUSED HANABUSA OF LIKELIHOOD USG WOULD BE WILLING TO AID HANOI IN SELECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING PARIS AGREEMENT, CERTAINLY NOT PRIMARILY FOR ADVANTAGE OF PRG. HANABUSA RESPONDED THAT THIS MEANT HE COULD NOT HOPE FOR EARLY PROGRESS IN DRV-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

4. HANABUSA SAID TALKS IN VIENTIANE WOULD CONTINUE AT LOWER LEVEL (JAPANESE LED BY NISHIYAMA).

5. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR TALKS ARE STYMIED. GOJ
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HAS NO REASON TO COMPROMISE ITS POSITION AND HANOI THINKS (HANABUSA SAID,QTE CORRECTLY UNQTE) THAT JAPAN IS RELATIVELY INDIFFERENT TO RELATIONS WITH HANOI ON LATTER'S CONDITIONS. WE ASSUME GIAP'S LINKING PROGRESS ON NATIONAL COUNCIL IN SVN WITH PROGRESS IN DRV-JAPAN RELATIONS WAS SUGGESTION THAT JAPAN MIGHT URGE USG TO HELP HANOI IN A POSSIBLE NEW STRATEGY. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY IT PROBABLY

INDICATES THE DEPTH OF HANOI'S FRUSTRATION.
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